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Ithaca firm awarded two-year \$744,321 SBIR contract

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a \$744,321 contract to ATC-NY, formerly Odyssey Research Associates, Ithaca, N.Y. The two-year agreement, "iFUSE Integrated Fuselet Synthesis Environment" was awarded under the federal government's Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program.

"Under this Phase II SBIR award, ATC-NY will continue to pursue innovative solutions to provide the Joint Battlespace Infosphere (JBI) program with a development environment that helps define fuselet functionality," said James M. Nagy, program manager in the directorate's Information Technology Division.

A fuselet is a small software program that manipulates existing data within the JBI to generate higher quality information. JBI is envisioned as a global computer "system of systems" that, once built, will facilitate real-time management of combat information. JBI will allow military leaders to access the most current and accurate information needed to make quick decisions during a crisis or conflict.

The SBIR program funds early-stage research and development at small, high-technology companies. It is designed to stimulate technological innovation; increase private sector commercialization of federal research and development; increase small business participation in federally funded research and development; and to foster participation by minority and disadvantaged firms in technological innovation. @